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06/13/2011 04:17 PM

To "Stambaugh, Sharmon M (DNR)"
cc Phil North
bcc
Subject Re: FW: Brief update on EPA's Bristol Bay Watershed
Assessment - please save the dates

I'll check and correct your email. I used the email group that Phil originally sent the note to...we'll make sure it is right. Sorry about that.

As I said in my email, several reasons for postponement - in addition to your conflict, some of the Tribal representatives were concerned about the timing. In addition, we (EPA) felt that we could make better use of everyone's time if we were just a little farther along in our thinking about the assessment. We want to leave time to get materials to all of you in advance of the meeting.

"Stambaugh, Sharmon M (DNR)" Sheila -- Could you please check... 06/13/2011 01:01:44 PM

From: "Stambaugh, Sharmon M (DNR)" <sharmon.stambaugh@alaska.gov>
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Date: 06/13/2011 01:01 PM
Subject: FW: Brief update on EPA's Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment - please save the dates

Sheila -- Could you please check your email address for me? I did not get your original email, only Ed's forwarding of it. Any particular reason for the postponement? Not that I am complaining -- I wanted to attend some toxicity training EPA R10 is bringing to ANC those days so now I can.

Regards, Sharmon

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Subject: FW: Brief update on EPA's Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment - please save the dates

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Subject: Fw: Brief update on EPA's Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment - please save the dates

All - I am sending this message on behalf of Phil North, who is on vacation. We were hoping to have a meeting on June 29 and 30 to get your feedback on the Bristol Bay watershed assessment but have decided to postpone for a variety of reasons, including our need to have more information to discuss, and requests from several of the group to postpone. We'll be in touch ASAP to get some dates scheduled and will follow up with sending you an agenda and materials for your consideration.

We apologize for the inconvenience, but want to make sure we make the most of this meeting and think it would be best to postpone.

Sheila Eckman
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----- Forwarded by Sheila Eckman/R10/USEPA/US on 06/13/2011 07:34 AM -----

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Date: 05/24/2011 05:20 PM
Subject: Brief update on EPA's Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment - please save the dates

Hello all,
EPA continues to make progress on the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment, though slowly. The EPA Office of Research and Development, the folks who wrote the book on ecological risk assessment, is now fully engaged

and has begun to apply their expertise to the Watershed Assessment. After a couple of delays we are ready to ask you to mark your calendars. We would appreciate it if you can set aside June 29 and 30 to meet with us in Anchorage to provide feed back, data and expert opinion on our watershed assessment. Before the meeting we will provide you with an outline of the assessment and the bibliography that we have compiled to date. As an introduction to the meeting we will discuss our motivations and limitations for the assessment, including what the driving statute, the Clean Water Act, directs us to do. An agenda for the meeting will be coming shortly.

We understand that summer is not the best time to arrange a technical meeting. However, to be responsive to the tribes that have requested we initiate a Clean Water Act 404(c) action, and to those that have asked us to wait, we feel that we should continue our progress. We appreciate any assistance you can offer.

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